RESOLUTION NO. 66 -09

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF NAVAJO COUNTY, ARIZONA, APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A JOINT APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF NAVAJO COUNTY, AND THE HOPI TRIBE FOR FUNDING UNDER THE TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENTS GENERATING ECONOMIC RECOVERY COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM OF THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT.

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2009, the President signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 ("ARRA"), which includes a new Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery ("TIGER") competitive grant program with \$1.5 billion to be awarded by the U.S. Department of Transportation ("DOT") for capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure with national or regional significance; and

WHEREAS, projects eligible for TIGER grant funding must be completed by February 17, 2012, have an overall financing package with federal funds not to exceed \$300 million, and maximize job creation and economic benefit; and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2009, the U.S. DOT published a final notice of funding availability, project selection criteria and application requirements for submitting TIGER grant applications, which are due September 15, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the primary TIGER grant selection criteria are Long-term Outcomes (State of Good Repair, Economic Competitiveness, Livability, Sustainability and Safety) and Job Creation and Stimulus; and

WHEREAS, the secondary TIGER grant selection criteria are Innovation and Partnership; and

WHEREAS, Navajo County officials, in partnership with officials of the Hopi Tribe, have developed an innovative joint project to construct BIA H-60 in order to link the Low Mountain, Whipperwill, and Pinion Communities to State Route 264, and to build associated bridges; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds that the Project would satisfy the primary and secondary selection criteria of the TIGER grant opportunity, stimulate economic activity and development, significantly improve transportation infrastructure in the area, and generally improve the quality of life for residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Hopi transportation Committee and Hopi Tribal Council have expressed their willingness to cooperate with Navajo County in making the Project a reality and their approval for Navajo County to submit a joint TIGER grant application on their behalf,

NOW, **THEREFORE**, **BE IT RESOLVED** as follows by the Board of Supervisors of Navajo County, Arizona:

- 1. The Board hereby expresses its strong support for the Project and its commitment to work cooperatively with the Hopi Tribe toward the goal of making the Project a reality.
- 2. The Board hereby approves the submission of a joint grant application for the Project under the federal TIGER program by the due date of September 15, 2009, with the understanding that the Hopi Tribe will serve as the lead agency and point of contact for all matters pertaining to the grant application.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED at Holbrook, Arizona, on September 8, 2009.

NAVAJO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Chairman

ATTEST: .

Melissa Buckley

Clerk of the Board